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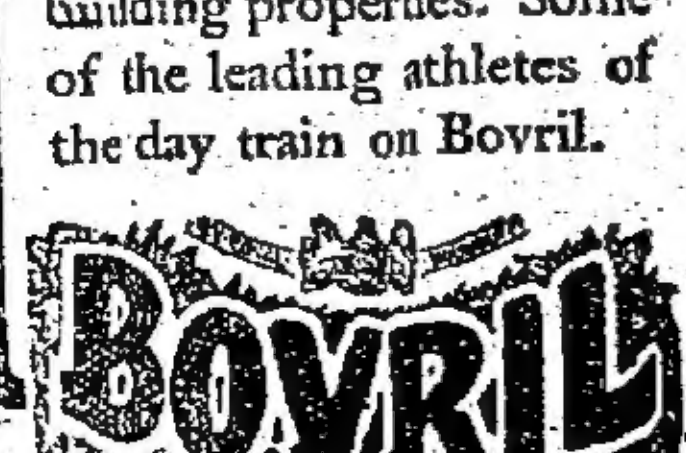
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described mineral water, but I am not satisfied that Tansan was so applied. It has no doubt been used for some time and this may justify the decision of the Japanese Court which is mentioned by the witnesses, to the effect that Tansan is a common name which does not follow it as his trade mark. I have no clear evidence to show when these labels were first used. The evidence of the witnesses is that there is no date on them or other documentary evidence in confirmation of the statement of Monami Kawa, manager of Hasegawa & Co., the owners of the Fumagoya spring, that he has known since 1897 of the use of the labels. Plaintiff has also shown that several of the other springs such as 'Arima', 'Amami', and 'Hama' (Ponago) originally used labels without the word Tansan. The evidence of Edgar Thorne, printer at Yokohama, that his label was printed in 1893. Upon the evidence I have arrived at the conclusion that the labels produced by the defendants really came into use long after Tansan had adopted the word Tansan and by his exertions and at great expense had made it known and valuable as a trade-mark.

For the plaintiff, Mr. B. N. Chamberlain (author of 'Things Japanese') pointing from the standard Japanese dictionary, the Genka, says 'Tansan' is defined as a chemical term signifying a combination of carbon and oxygen. He has never heard it used as signifying generally mineral water. Captain Bickley, of the Japanese 'Maid', who has resided 33 years in Japan, and is the author in collaboration with Japanese professors of a dictionary now in its 5th edition, says 'Tansan' means 'sonic acid'; the word is not in any common Japanese dictionary, and he is of the opinion that it is a word not known as denoting generally mineral water.

Sato Yataro, formerly headmaster of the Commercial School, Kobe, says that Tansan is not a generic word applied to all mineral waters. Analogous evidence is given by other witnesses to whom it is not necessary to refer fully. Upon the whole, I find in favor of the plaintiff that the word Tansan is not a generic name for Japanese mineral water, but is of the nature of a fancy word not in common use and one which could be lawfully adopted as a trade-mark.

But even if I had found that in Japan the word Tansan is a descriptive name applied to mineral water generally, as is contended by the defendants, I could have held also on the facts now before me that in Singapore it has acquired a secondary meaning and become a distinctive name for the plaintiff's goods. The effect of passing off their goods as the goods of the plaintiff. The plaintiff has imported his mineral water since 1893 under the name of Tansan; the other name Takeda which also appeared on the label then used does not affect the question. The defendants imported the mineral water of Hasegawa & Co., under the name of Fumagoya Tansan, for the first time in September, 1901, sometime after they had ceased to be the agents of the plaintiff and shortly before the commencement of this suit. The water imported by the plaintiff has become known on the market as Tansan; plaintiff has produced old wine lists of Goding & Co., who were formerly his agents and of the Hotel Europe, and of the Singapore Club, in which the Tansan is mentioned. It was ordered from the plaintiff in Japan and it was imported by him to Singapore as Tansan—it was advertised and sold as Tansan. I find upon the evidence that the word had come to mean Wilkinson's mineral water. It could really mean nothing else because there was no other water of the name on the market until the defendants brought in the Fumagoya Tansan. Of course many people who bought Tansan may have been ignorant of the plaintiff's name. But the 'Yorkshire Relief' case shows the circumstance is not conclusive. The Lord Chancellor said: 'It may be true that the customer does not know or does not care who the manufacturer is, but it is a particular manufacturer he desires; he wants Yorkshire Relief to which he has been accustomed. In the same manner it may be said here—the men who order Tansan at the clubs or hotels or in shops may never have heard of Wilkinson's name, but they want the Tansan to which they have been accustomed, and that is undoubtedly plaintiff's mineral water. If the defendants are allowed to sell their mineral water as Tansan, people may be induced to buy it in the belief that it is plaintiff's water.'

It was further contended for the defendants that the label they use is so clearly different from the plaintiff's that people buying bottles of Fumagoya Tansan cannot possibly mistake it for Wilkinson's Tansan. 'There is no doubt that a person looking at bottles with these respective labels, can easily distinguish plaintiff's from defendant's bottles; but that is not a sufficient answer to the plaintiff's contention. The same defence was considered and rejected by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the 'Club Soda' case. Their Lordships say: 'It is quite true that no one could mistake defendant's label for plaintiff's, but that is not enough. Suppose that for soda there was a name handle which the public could not mistake. The bottle and the name handle. The use of the words "Club Soda" is calculated to deceive.' A strong case in favor of the plaintiff upon this question is *Apollinaris Water Co. v. Norrish*. There the plaintiff Company, proprietors of the Apollinaris spring, sought to restrain defendant from selling an artificial water containing the properties of the natural Apollinaris under the name of 'London Apollinaris'. It was shown that the defendant had protected the plaintiff's rights and prevent the public from being misled, sold his artificial water in bottles made expressly dissimilar in shape to the bottles used by the plaintiff and with labels as different as possible; yet an injunction was granted to restrain the defendant from using the word 'Apollinaris'. It was also contended that the name Tansan had become public property. The proper test of this having happened is that the use of the trade mark by other persons has ceased to deceive the public as to the maker. I am not sure that this may be said to have come about in Japan particularly among Europeans to whom the labels used are intended to appeal; but the question does not arise in Singapore, as there is no evidence of any mineral water Tansan having been imported by any person other than the plaintiff (and the defendants since September, 1901). The defendants' counsel also relied upon the 'Relief Beer' case—but it is clearly not applicable to the facts now before me.

The injunction prayed for must be granted and defendants must bear the plaintiff's costs. Parties to be heard on the question of damages. Counsel for plaintiff—Messrs Napier and Ellis; for defendants—Messrs Allen and Raine.

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Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	10,394	45	—	Comdr. Barwell	Kobe
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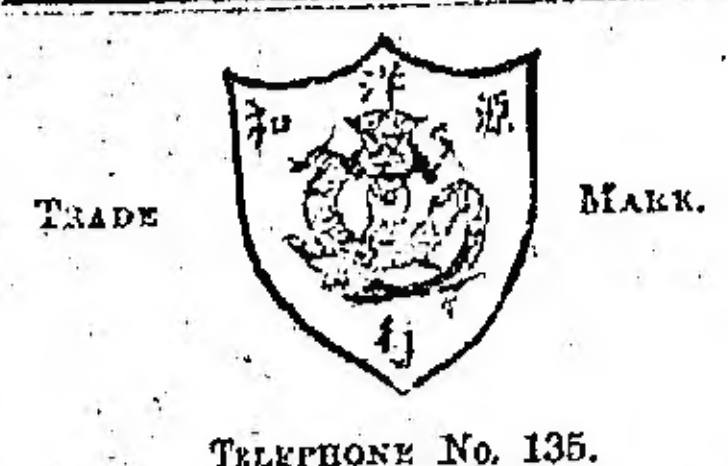
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MARRIAGE.
On the 21st instant, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, JOHN ALEXANDER, third son of the late Robert Patie, of Rivonia, Nelson, N.Z., to MARGARET, second daughter of the late Cornelius Scanlan, of Dublin, Ireland.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1903.

We have no desire to add fuel to the fire of speculation regarding the possible outbreak of hostilities, but it is evident that the British authorities are impressed with the seriousness of the situation, and are preparing against surprises. Amidst the fun and frivolity of the festive season, responsible officers in the army and navy have been dealing with serious problems, and the knowledge of this has not been without its effect in the commercial community. There is a fear that war between Japan and Russia will involve Great Britain. Should Russia receive assistance from another Power, Britain, as is well known, is pledged to espouse the cause of her Far Eastern ally. But even should the two Powers most directly interested be left to fight out their quarrel, it is inevitable that other Powers will be affected by the settlement, for it is improbable that they will allow Japan to be hopelessly crippled should she be defeated by Russia, while some of them may seek to deprive Japan, as they did in 1895, of the fruits of her victory should she be successful. The Far Eastern situation, therefore, is much more serious than it was when Japan and China went to war over the sovereignty of Korea. As we have said, it is evident the British authorities are determined to avoid surprises. The other week, a test was made of the resources of the naval establishment by fitting out the naval squadron for sea in a given space of time, and the crews of the warships in harbour are being drilled in every possible way to bring them to the highest pitch of efficiency. This is, of course, nothing very unusual. The British navy is prepared to go anywhere and do anything at a moment's notice; but when the ships are warned to be prepared to proceed to sea on 48 hours' notice and their crews are exercised in clearing for action, as they were yesterday, and urgent docking arrangements of battleships and cruisers are being carried out, it is not strange that the outside public should speculate on the signs of the times and wonder if the British Ministry has determined upon a "strong" policy in regard to Japan's dispute with Russia. If it has, then Hongkong promises to be a highly interesting centre of activity during the next few months.

In Port Arthur, war is expected almost momentarily. A letter which we received yesterday from that port gives an interesting glimpse of that fortress. Writing on the 19th inst., a correspondent says:—"By Spring, I am afraid we will have war. Things are looking very serious, and the garrison here is being continually reinforced. At the same time, the place is exceedingly gay, life being here a constant round of amusements, balls, theatricals, &c., &c., in the Naval Club, the Military Club, or the houses of the leading officials. The officers here are, on the whole, a very fine lot of fellows. One splendid young officer who I met at a ball—the representative of a long line of Cosack soldier-ancestors—had, evidently, a genuine respect for the British and what they had done in the past. I think the Russians are quite entitled to keep as much of China as they can grab. After all, it is impossible to keep China on her feet, and I'd sooner see her Russian than Japanese. I would most of all prefer to see her British, of course, but that seems to be impossible. We are weary Titans, and don't want an addition to our load! So far as China is concerned, our correspondent, in these sentences, hits off the situation tersely enough. "It is impossible to keep China on her feet!" Is it Japan's mission to endeavour to restore to China her lost provinces of the north? Are the Japanese wise in endeavouring to drive the Russians out of Manchuria? Will the Japanese receive any assistance in such a self-assumed task? We cannot believe that the British Government intends to give any assistance. It is not even prepared, apparently, to insist upon its traditional policy of the preservation of China's integrity and the

maintenance of "the open door." In the interests of foreign trade, it is extremely desirable that Russia should be prevented from closing Manchuria. The United States took some action in this matter two years ago. Is President Roosevelt to insist upon "the open door" in Manchuria, or is he inclined to accept what seems to be inevitable—the absorption of Manchuria by Russia, leaving it to Russia to give whatever terms she chooses? There are some who believe that the United States are prepared to insist on the fulfilment of Russia's promises. They point to the return of the U.S. squadron to Japan from Honolulu as an evidence of President Roosevelt's "strong" policy. As a matter of fact, this movement of the U.S. squadron is absolutely devoid of political portent. On the 24th November, a Ruter telegram from Washington stated:—"The United States Battleship and Cruiser Squadron on the Asiatic Station, consisting of the battleships *Kentucky*, flagship of Rear Admiral Evans, in command, *Wisconsin*, and *Oregon*, in place of the usual Winter Manoeuvres in Philippine waters. The cruise will begin in a few days, and the Squadron will require from 15 to 18 days to reach Honolulu, where it will probably remain a fortnight, when the return voyage to the Philippines will be begun." If the United States were anxious to become a factor in Far Eastern politics, they never had a better opportunity for playing an important part. But they wish to pose as a world Power without fulfilling the responsibilities of the position. Should President Roosevelt make a diversion in Japan's favour, it would probably help to bring about a speedy settlement of the Manchurian question; but we do not anticipate any interference by the United States.

As the situation stands, therefore, Japan is free to face with Russia. Each stands alone. Russia not only refuses to withdraw from Manchuria, where there might be some justification for her presence, but she shows a disposition to invade Korea, for whose independence Japan fought. Whatever the Japanese Cabinet may be in regard to Manchuria, it will make a desperate effort to preserve Korea's independence from Russian domination, and if Russia continues her aggression there she, and not Japan, will be responsible for the outbreak of hostilities, while Japan will have the sympathy if not the active support of more than one of the Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cricket in Australia.
The match England v. Newcastle Fifteen, played at Newcastle (N.S.W.), ended in a draw. England scored 306 (Foster 105 and Hayward 87) and 381 for eight wickets (Tyldesley 127, and Braund 61, not out), while the Newcastle Fifteen compiled 273 in the first innings.

Sir Henry Blake.
In a recent issue, the *Times of Ceylon* made the following comments:—"The members of the Legislative Council were keen to select what a figure Sir Henry Blake would cut at the first meeting at which he presided. The Council had for so long been controlled by the ruling hand of Sir West Ridgeway that any departure from the customs which had clustered around that vigorous régime would come almost as a miracle. First of all Sir Henry appeared by a different entrance. He was announced with slightly less pomp, but he bowed graciously; and his first act, before sitting down, was to shake hands with the Clerk of the Council, Mr. A. G. Clayton, whom evidently he had not met before. In the conduct of the business before the House, Sir Henry proved himself at home with the intricate subject of supplementary expenditure. The Clerk proceeded as usual, to read every clause of the lengthy Ordinance for the supplementary contingent charges, and as each item was read the Governor (contrary to precedent, for former Governors, as representing the Sovereign, have remained seated when addressing the Council) stood up and put it to the Council, but he soon found that the work was tiring and monotonous, and the rest of the work was got over in a jump, so to speak. His Excellency has one fault, if we may say so, and that is, he speaks somewhat indistinctly in a room the acoustical properties of which are notoriously imperfect."

What is a Cough?
A SPASMODIC effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is swift and deadly. If the cold is a lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The *Genoa* Mail, stranded off Nemuro, has been refloated.

The *Viceroy* was to make a public entry into Calcutta on the 16th inst.

Viscount Ikeda, ex-federal lord of the Iwata clan, died on December 13, aged 58.

Colonel Sir John Lane Harrington has been gazetted Minister Plenipotentiary to Abyssinia.

The Kawasaki Dockyard Co., Kobe, have declared a dividend of 12 per cent per annum.

Parcel Mail for Europe, &c., per *S. S. India* will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st inst.

The German Mail of the 25th November was delivered in London on the 28th December.

The U.S.K. chartered steamer *Koro* broke her shaft and had to put in to Mokpo in Korea.

The British steamer *North of Beauty*, 1,168 tons, has been sold to Mr. Harada of Osaka for £10,000.

The *C. S. K. S. Nishikigawa Maru*, 300 tons net, sank off Minobe on Dec. 17, with considerable loss of life.

An anonymous donation of £50,000 has been made to University College, London, for higher education and research.

The British steamer *Algon* reports having passed a sun-shaped buoy, painted white, adrift 11 miles E. N. E. of Breaker Point.

The Seoul-Fusan railway is getting on; 33 miles on the Seoul side and 52 on the Fusan side are to be opened for traffic very shortly.

The roof of the Cathedral at Tollo, Italy, has fallen in, and serious fears are entertained as to the safety of the rest of the building.

The British steamer stranded off Muroran is now said to be the *Maneuve* loaded with sulphur. It is reported that she is a total wreck.

It is reported that the French have threatened to take action with regard to the Kwangsi rebellion if China does not give way to Russia.

Mrs. J. A. Dowie, the wife of the Rev. Canon of the Christian Church in Zion, and her son, are staying at a aristocratic hotel at Cannes, in the Riviera.

The master of licensed junk No. 8344 was fined \$3 by the Marine Magistrate yesterday for disobeying the lawful commands of the Harbour Master.

Watchdogs are to be employed to guard the German Government dockyards. A dog is to accompany each sentinel, and the animal will be set upon any stranger who fails to respond to the challenge.

There were 154 European and 42 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 14 European and 1,041 Chinese to the Museum during the week ending 27th December (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

The releasing of the case against Chan Choi, Chan Yan, Wong Sui, Wong Lui, and Wong Tung, who were convicted for being in unlawful possession of rice, was postponed on December 22, was again before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's Court. Mr. C. K. H. Bruton appeared for the defence. After evidence further remand was granted until tomorrow at 11.30 a.m.

Disorderly Koreans.
The *Sin Wen Pao* is informed by a Kienchow despatch that recently a body of Koreans, over a thousand in number, crossed the Yalu River into Linghsing District (Chinese territory) where they had been committing all kinds of depredations as robbery, rapine and arson, to the great discomfort and annoyance of the people of the district. Consequently, Tartar General Tsongoli has despatched a punitive expedition against these lawless hordes.

Brigands and Russian Troops.
The *Sin Wen Pao* gathers that Tartar General Tug-chi of Fongtien lately addressed the Peking Government that in addition to local bad characters and disbanded soldiers who had been committing breaches of the peace in the provinces on the banks of Liao River, there were also brigands who wander about the region in bands of three to five hundred or sometimes over a thousand. The Russians had been using their best efforts to exterminate them, but their presence likewise caused great inconvenience to the people, and the Chinese troops could not prevent them from entering Chinese territory; therefore the Tartar General requested the Waiwup to ask the Russian Minister at Peking to instruct the Military administration in Eastern Russia to leave the task of punishing and exterminating these brigands in Chinese territories to the Chinese officers and troops, so that the people might not be disturbed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The 'Mongolia's' Maiden Voyage.
The P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, with the English mail of the 27th ultimo, left Aden for Bombay at 6 p.m. on the 7th inst.

British Trade in November.
The Board of Trade returns for November show that imports have increased to £2,065,335, and exports decreased £1,619,445.

A Biding Accident.
An Allahabad telegram says:—"Mr. George Miller, the well-known English polo player, now in Champaran hunting, has met with a riding accident which will lay him up for some time. He is making satisfactory progress."

Important Discovery in Somaliland.
An expert geological reconnaissance made in Western and Southern Somaliland points to the existence of an extensive and copious asbestos system, at a depth varying from a hundred to a thousand feet, and also a subterranean supply along dry wadis at a depth of thirty to a hundred feet.

Wireless Telegraph Charges.
The tariff for the transmission of telegrams by the Marconi wireless system between Rome and Cape Cod, Poldhu (Cornwall) and Buenos Ayres, has now been fixed. Messages between Italy and England will be exchanged at the rate of one penny a word; those for the United States and Canada threepence a word, and those for Argentina fourpence a word.

Postal Reciprocity.
Mr. J. Henniker Haton, M.P., has suggested to M. Trouillot, the French Minister for Commerce, Industry, Posts and Telegraphs, that letters from England for France and from France for England should each be stamped in accordance with the inland rate of the country despatching them. M. Trouillot said that he was favourable to that being done if Great Britain proposed it.

Terrible Plague Mortality.
The total plague mortality in India during the week ending the 5th instant was 16,437 as against 17,617 in the preceding week and 12,400 in the corresponding period of last year. The detailed figures are Bombay City 46; Bombay Presidency 7,073; Karachi 6; Madras 48; Calcutta 14,000; Bengal 778; the United Provinces 2,202; the Punjab, 1,674; the Central Provinces 1,888; Mysore 673; Hyderabad 823; Rajputana 90; Central India 1,003; Kashmir 10; and the North West Frontier Province and Coorg one each.

Labour on the Rand.
A deputation from the White Labour League has urged Sir A. Lawley, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal, to refer the question of the importation of coloured labour under indentures to a referendum. His Excellency said that his experience of the referendum in Australia was not encouraging. The question was too complex to render a simple intelligible issue practicable. The Chamber of Trade of Johannesburg, representing all the wholesale houses of the town, has passed a resolution recommending the importation of coloured labour under indentures.

Zetland Lodge Installation.
The installation of Wor. Bro. J. W. L. Oliver as R.W.M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 825 E.C., was performed last night by the Rt. Wor. Deputy District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China. After the installation ceremony the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Senior Warden, Bro. H. Styles; Junior Warden, Bro. W. H. Parrell; Chaplain, Bro. H. B. Townshend; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. C. J. B. Sayer; Secretary, Wor. Bro. C. Hecoy (Jun.); Senior Deacon, Bro. A. C. Skelton; Junior Deacon, Bro. J. C. O'Connell; Dip. of Ceremonies, Bro. E. C. Lowe; Organist, Bro. C. F. L. Donkin; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Parkes; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone; Stewards, Bros. W. King and C. R. Fitteck. A banquet was then held, at which the following toasts were honoured:—"The King, Grand Protector of the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.; and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England; the District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China; Sister Lodges and Visitors; the Hongkong and South China Masonic Benevolent Fund Corporation; the Worshipful Master; the Immediate Past Master; Wives, Sisters, Daughters and Sweethearts of Masons; all Poor and Distressed Masons."

Time and Money.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

R. A. Dance.
We hear that the Royal Artillery propose to give a dance on Tuesday, the 19th of January.

The 'Tansen' Judgment.
The full text of the 'Tansen' judgment given at the Supreme Court at Singapore will be found on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

English Weather.
A telegram dated London, 6th inst., says:—"A dense fog was experienced yesterday in London and the English Channel, and many mishaps occurred by land and sea, and shipping was seriously delayed."

British Trade Returns.
The returns of British trade for the month of November issued by the Board of Trade show that imports have increased by £3,655,335, and exports have decreased by £1,619,445, compared with the corresponding month of last year.

Transfer of License.
At a meeting of the Justices of Peace at the Magistracy to-day it was decided to grant an application from J. D. Cameron for the transfer of his publican's license for the Occidental Hotel to Rudolf Matthay. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith presided, and there were also present Messrs J. H. Kemp, C. D. Melbourne, and Capt. Lyons.

The Indian Medical Service.
New regulations for promotion in the Indian medical service have been gazetted, and announced a London telegram. Promotion up to Lieutenant-Colonel is automatic; but Captains with six years' service become Majors. Lieutenant-Colonels are also promoted for distinguished service. Increases of pay and promotions to higher ranks depend on services and ability.

Alleged Theft of \$4500.
At the Magistracy to-day, Li Chap Cheung, an accountant in the employ of Li Chuen-chong at 120 Des Vaux Road, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp, with stealing \$4,500, the property of his master. The money was locked up in a safe, but on December 18, the safe was found open and the money was found to be missing. Accused was arrested by Inspector McNab, and after formal evidence a remand was made until Tuesday, January 5.

Alleged Unlawful Possession.
Un Kwong, Marine Store dealer, was charged at the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, with being in possession of 150 pieces of oil, valued at \$700, and, respectively suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained. The oil, said accused, was being pumped into the sea from a French steamer, and he asked the chief officer to pump it into his boat. This was done, and he paid \$35 for the oil. He did not know the name of the steamer, but said that she came in on Friday, December 25, and left on the following day for Shanghai and Kobe. The further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

Official Changes.
The appointment of Mr. J. H. Kemp as Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board forebodes a crop of official changes in the Spring. Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Secretary of the Sanitary Board, goes on leave in March next, when Mr. Kemp will become Acting Secretary. We have not heard who will succeed Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy, but probably Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, who has acted on one or two occasions, will become Acting Police Magistrate. Mr. F. A. Fardland, the second Police Magistrate, returns in the Spring, and will in all likelihood resume the position of Acting Senior Police Magistrate, owing to changes at the Supreme Court necessitating Mr. Sercombe Smith's assumption of the duties of Puisne Judge. Mr. Wise, who goes on leave. The Chief Justice, Sir William Goodham, is also mentioned as likely to go on leave, and as Sir H. B. Berkeley will occupy the bench as Acting Chief Justice we presume Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., who has already filled the post, will again become Acting Attorney General.

Hill's World's Entertainers.
The high-class entertainment which Hill's World's Entertainers have been giving at the Theatre Royal during the past week has given great pleasure to those who have attended, and all are unanimous in voting it the best of its kind that has been given here. To-night a complete change of programme will be given, when Hill and Sylvian will perform new and wonderful tricks on the cycle and unicycle. Instead of a bicycle wheel Mr. Hill will use a richa wheel. Victor Kelly, the popular comedian, will also give new specialties, in the shape of acrobatic dances and eccentricities and fresh songs will be sung by Mr. Leonard Nelson, who has so far scored a marked success, and Miss Leslie Norman, a vocalist of high merit. Miss Agnes, a dainty little coon singer, will also appear in new business, and will, in addition, in company with Victor Kelly, give a cak walk and indulge in other comic antics. Lezers, the mystic, will perform other sleight-of-hand feats, and will no doubt mystify the audience as much as he has been doing during the season. A new artist, Miss May McCrystal, will appear this evening. Miss May McCrystal will preside at the piano.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY ROUTER, VIA BOSTON.

A DUEL OVER DREYFUS.

JEWISH OFFICER WOUNDED.

The Adversaries Unreconciled.
LONDON, December 28.

A fierce duel was fought at Neuilly yesterday as a result of the re-opening of the Dreyfus affair.

One of the combatants was a Jewish officer, and he was wounded. The adversaries left the ground unreconciled.

REFORM OF MACEDONIA.

URGENT NOTE TO THE PORTE.

LONDON, December 28.

An urgent note from the Austrian and Russian Embassies regarding the execution of reforms in Macedonia has been presented to the Porte.

[ROUTER'S SERVICE.]

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

LONDON, December 27.

M. Delcassé, speaking in the Senate, said that France and Great Britain being mutually complementary to each other, conflict was always possible.

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

M. Delcassé, speaking in the French Senate, referring to the Far East, said that there was nothing to justify any reliance on reports of the possibility of war between Russia and Japan, resulting in a treaty leaving neutrals no made advantages in Korea and Manchuria.

The United States are pressing Korea to open Wiju, and China to open Antung and Mukden.

In view of the situation in the Orient the United States Asiatic Squadron now at Honolulu will start on its return to Cavite on Tuesday.

The Russian Press is showing alarm at the increasing numbers and activity of bands of Hunhuses in Manchuria; the bands, which are well armed, overrun the country and terrorize and pillage the inhabitants. The Russian troops are undergoing great hardships and suffering considerable loss in endeavouring to keep the bands in check.

The recognition of the Chinese army is causing considerable concern in Government circles in St. Petersburg, where it is viewed as a sign of distrust in Russia.

CHRISTMAS AT CANTON.

CANTON, December 28.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Christmas comes but once a year, but somehow or other it seems to get around quite frequently of late. I suppose this is a sign that I am beginning to get old, because I can remember when it seemed that ages upon ages intervened between each visit of 'Old Santa.' The new-comers are all talking about this being 'the warmest Christmas they ever felt, and across a number of years it still seems to be a place for me to see no snow at this season. But where in the world could more perfect weather be found just now than here in enjoying in this settlement?

Yesterday from three to six o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Winsome Lafont entertained about a score of children at her home. Tea, games, a fish pond, and more games constituted the programme, and a happier lot of young ones were never seen together. All came away well supplied with toys of various sorts and sizes. Each year at the home of one or more of the residents such a children's entertainment is provided, and I doubt if the older ones ever have such unalloyed enjoyment.

The Captain and Ward-room officers of the Revenue cutter *Tei Ho* gave a dance at the Shamane Club Theatre last evening, and many enjoyed the last hours of Christmas eve and the very best hours of Christmas in that popular fashion. Mrs. Griffith, the always delightful and delightful hostess, has her usual informal Christmas evening gathering at the Shamane Club Theatre this evening, and the majority of the residents of the little island and many from the naval vessels here will while away some pleasant hours in various forms of entertainment. Dr. and Mrs. Greene are 'At Home' to-morrow afternoon from four to six o'clock.

What is Pain Balm?

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THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

THE SITUATION DISCUSSED.

Bellicose Japan.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokyo, December 28.

A good deal that is of interest has happened since my last regular communication, but, unhappily, the prospect for peace are distinctly less than they were a month ago. I have told you of the dissolution of the Diet, and the reason for that action, and perhaps it will be well to give some account of the aftermath of that event before taking up matters of more general importance. Mr. Hirokuma Koma, the recent President of the House of Representatives, has declared that the objectionable Reply was prepared entirely by himself; that no one had any previous knowledge of its contents; that he deliberately refused to accept from the hands of the Secretary of the House the Reply which had been drawn up in accordance with the precedent that was established long ago; and that the whole responsibility for the unwelcome departure from that precedent rests entirely upon himself. It is even alleged that Mr. Koma has declared that if the Reply which he had prepared was rejected, he intended to resign his office at once, and that, when he entered the House on the 10th instant, he knew he could do something which would surely bring upon himself severe condemnation. He said to have stated that his one reason for his act was his firm conviction that the House of Representatives was not so constituted as to represent unbiased public opinion, and that he believed the drastic measure which he adopted of departing from established precedent—even at the risk of seeming to be disrespectful to His Imperial Majesty—in arranging the Ministry in the Reply to the Speech from the Throne, was the most direct way of correcting that defect. He seems to forget that a majority of the people hold him responsible for something more than all this, and that in his appearance of playing into the hands of the Cabinet by helping it to get rid of a troublesome House of Representatives just at the moment when it desired to be left unfettered, whether the charges of fraud and collusion, which have been made, involving the Ministry, are based upon fact or not, it must be remembered that before it was possible for the proposed action of the Government upon that remarkable Reply to have been known, many members of the House left Tokyo, before they could have had time to receive the customary copy of the document for private perusal (and study, too), knowing that there would be no reconsideration of their action, and that dissolution was inevitable. The Imperial Rescript, directing that an election for members of a new House of Representatives be held on the 1st of March next, the earliest practicable date under the Constitutional provisions, was issued at once. The Press seems to be almost unanimous in declaring that the Government has taken upon itself a grave responsibility in dissolving the House so promptly. The *Kokumin* declares that the Government has no choice of roads to take, and that there are just two things, and only two, for it to do: first, to set itself actively to work to settle the difficulty with Russia; and, second, to settle it to the satisfaction of the Japanese people and as a finality. The Cabinet must accept the situation as one having in its issue life or death, for the Japanese are united in demanding the solution of that issue, and will be content with nothing less.

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPAN.

Russia's reply to Japan's demands was presented by Baron Rosen (the Russian Minister) to Baron Komura (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs) on Friday, the 11th instant, at 4.30 p.m. The Government has not communicated any information, but the tone of those journals whose utterances are known to be inspired, leaves no room for doubt that the contents of the reply were so unsatisfactory as to come as a rude shock to those even who had persisted in believing in Russia's professed desire to come to an amicable settlement. The delay of 43 days in presenting a reply in Tokyo to a question that admitted of a most terse and categorical answer does not argue much for Russia's good faith in her assurances. There may have been cogent reasons for not taking official action on the note from Russia immediately, and it is probable that the delay in doing so until the 10th instant was with the commendable intention of not arousing public apprehension unnecessarily. On the 10th, there was a conference of the Elder Statesmen at the official residence of the Prime Minister, Count Katsura; it was attended by Marquis Ito, Field-Marshal Marquis Oyama, Marquis Yamagata, Lt. Gen. General Terashima, Count Matsukata, Gen. Baron Yamamoto, and Baron Komura. What action was taken can only be surmised, but it is reasonably certain that the eminent statesmen agreed to recommend the Cabinet to stand by the resolution adopted at the joint conference of the Cabinet Ministers and the Elder Statesmen which was held on the 23rd of June last, in the presence of the Emperor, and it is believed that the Cabinet has acted upon that advice, and that, as a reply to Russia's note, in accordance therewith, has been sent forward already. The rumours that a long telegraphic communication was sent direct from the Japanese Government to the British Government, without passing through the hands of the British Minister, must be discarded, for it is inconceivable that the Japanese authorities could commit such a breach of diplomatic etiquette; yet it may well be believed that some such communication has passed—through the proper

LATE TELEGRAMS.

Sensational News from Africa.

London, December 28.—Mr. W. E. Davidson, C.M.G., the Colonial Secretary of the Transvaal, has signed a declaration, dated December 28, in which he states that the London correspondent of the *Pioneer* telegraphs that Mr. W. Wyburgh, the Transvaal Commissioner of Mines, has resigned. He has written to Sir Arthur Lowrey that the Government is much influenced by the financial element, and has to a great extent lost touch with the people.

Irrigation in South Africa.

Allahabad, December 28.—Mr. W. B. Gordon, late Secretary to the Irrigation Commission, has arrived in South Africa to take up the appointment of Hydraulic Engineer (Irrigation expert) to the Cape Government. Mr. Gordon's services have been lent by the Government of India to South Africa for three years.

The Fiscal Controversy.

London, December 28.—The City Corporation has granted the use of the Guildhall for meetings whereat Mr. Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire, respectively, will address the citizens.

Royal Visitors to Egypt.

Princess Henry of Battenberg and two children sail for Egypt to-morrow. [Her Highness's Highnesses in the P. & O. steamer *Malden*.]

Italy and the Overland Mail.

The Italian Chamber of the Secretary of Posts declared that the Government had taken measures to prevent the regrettable delays in the Indian mail.

Alfonso's First Foreign Visit.

The King of Spain has arrived at Lisbon on a visit to the King of Portugal. This is his first foreign visit.

Transvaal and the Labour Problem.

December 28.—A deputation from various bodies in the Transvaal has urged upon Sir Arthur Lowrey a referendum of the question of alien labour. Sir Arthur Lowrey said that he personally disfavoured a referendum of any important subject; but the Council would consider any proposal to that effect.

Incident at Alexandretta.

December 28.—The American Consul at Alexandretta was receiving an Armenian, who was a naturalized American, to a ship, when the Consul and his staff, and some of the police, surrounded and overpowered him, and he was taken to the prison. The Consul has lowered his flag and proceeded to Beirut.

Death of a Crack Volunteer Shooter.

Calcutta, December 28.—Lieut. Quartermaster Harwood, of the Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, died yesterday. He was the best rifle shot in India, and had carried off more trophies and championships than any other marksman in the country. He was enrolled in 1897. He was buried with military honours this morning.

The Tibetan Mission.

Allahabad, December 28.—Early winter is reported from the Eastern Himalayan region though snow has not yet fallen on the lower ranges. The troops in Sikkim and Tibet are consequently likely to have a more severe experience of extreme cold before Christmas.

Germany and Russia.

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Lord Curzon's Tour.

Dec. 28.—The *Daily Mail* reports that Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, quitted the Persian Gulf without landing on Persian soil. The *Daily Mail* explains that the Shah changed the programme agreed upon in such a manner that if he had landed, Lord Curzon would have been deprived of the privilege of being the recipient of the initial visit of courtesy.

Yacht Race Across the Atlantic.

Dec. 4.—The action of the German Emperor in postponing his offer of a cup for an international yacht race across the Atlantic was due to the New York Yacht Club declining to co-operate with the Atlantic Yacht Club, which is a poorer standing socially.

Opening the Czar's Eyes.

Dec. 4.—The *National Zeitung* (Berlin) publishes a statement from St. Petersburg to the effect that the Grand Duke Alexander Michailovitch is striving to open the eyes of the Czar to the machinations of the Court Camarilla, the members of which are secretly acquiring extensive forests in Korea, and sought to precipitate war with Japan in order to secure enormous profits.

Robbery from a Bank.

Dec. 5.—The Randfontein (Transvaal) branch of the Robinson South African Bank Company has been stuck up by a gang of masked men. The manager and the cashier were manager were gagged. The robbers stole £300.

A Time of Financial Difficulty.

December 6.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the opening of the Town Hall at Cheltenham, advocated full balance-sheets being given the ratepayers in various municipal undertakings, and the providing for the repayment of loans from revenue. Municipal credit, he said, had fallen because the market was overstocked. He was sure a time of financial difficulty was ahead, and it was desirable that Imperial and local managers should be chary of undertaking works involving new loans.

Canadian Reclamation.

December 6.—Canada imposes a surtax on imported goods finished in Great Britain or elsewhere if upwards of one half the selling value of the article represents what is of German origin.

Disaster to a Submarine.

December 4.—A United States submarine boat has stranded on some rocks off the Currituck Shoals, off the coast of North Carolina. Several of the crew are in inaccessible position.

Effect of American Protection.

Dec. 6.—Messrs. Benn and Sons, spinners of Bradford, in a letter to the news- papers, say that Americans have made such vast improvements in the manufacture and making of the finest classes of goods we do make on which there is a duty of 100 per cent, and upwards, that our present American duty is not only beyond the most three or four years.

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Arms for Canada.

Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Defence in Canada, is purchasing 72 guns for 12 batteries of field artillery, and 80 Maxim in England.

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The Somaliland Campaign.

London, Dec. 7.—The *Daily Telegraph* reports that Commander Volturino, at Bunder Kassim, on the Somaliland coast, captured Abdullah Sheri, the moneyer of the Mullahs, the pursuance of the prisoner's urgent request, he was handed over to General Sir C. E. Gordon, commanding the British force.

Mahdi in the Sudan Executed.

A new Mahdi in the Sudan, one Mahomet Amin, a Tunisian, who has been causing trouble to the Government at Khartoum, and who directly and indirectly has been captured and executed, was hanged. The expedition was in command of Major-General B. T. Mahon, who, with 200 Khartoum cavalry and 200 infantry, set out from El Obeid with two machines, and made a forced march of 200 miles to the desert to Dar Tagalla, where the Mahdi Mahomet Amin was surrounded and captured. The troops returned to El Obeid, where Mahomet Amin was hanged.

Collision Between Two Trains.

Dec. 6.—The Scotch express came into collision with a wrecked goods train at Carlisle, near the border of Scotland. The tender, a four-wheeled carriage, was overturned, and the rest of the train was thrown off the rails. The driver of the express was severely scalded. The passengers miraculously escaped.

Cruelties in Congo State.

Dec. 7.—Mr R. Casement, the British Consul to the Congo Free State, was instructed by his Government to make a tour extending over six months, to personally observe the condition of the natives of the Congo. Mr Casement has only been away two months, during which time he has explored 1000 miles of the Congo and its tributaries, and of the Abir and Luvua rubber zones. Mr Casement has testified that the cruelties and barbarism are rampant, and that most revolting forms of slavery and barbarism are rampant. He is preparing a report on the matter.

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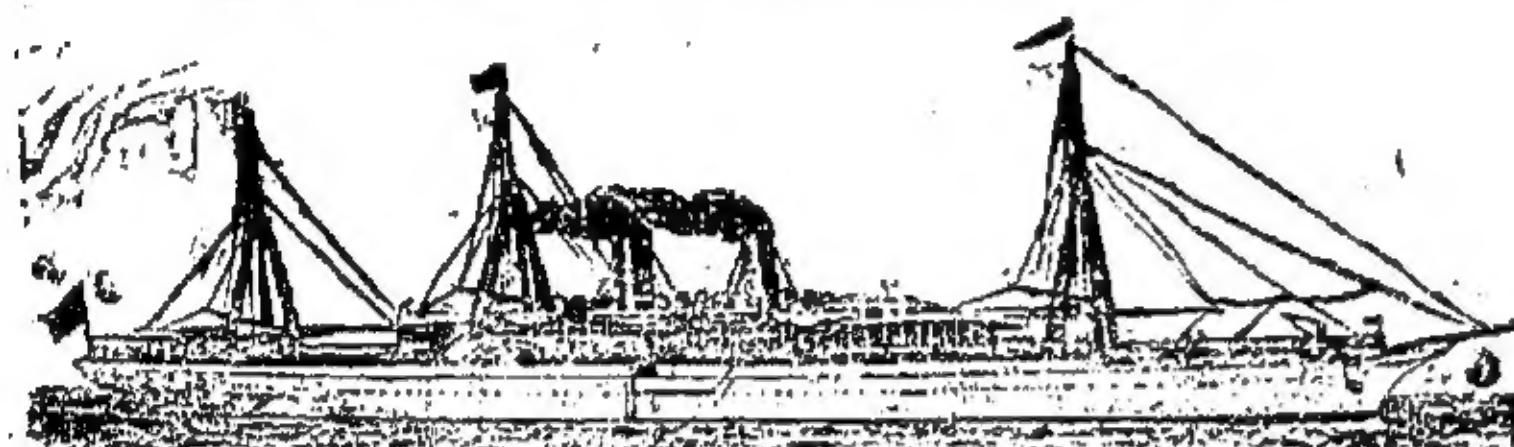
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EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEMUN	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINTUCK	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PIGOSKEY	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYRE	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	3rd February.

The S.S. TYDUS has arrived and leaves for JAPAN and PACIFIC on 30th inst.

The S.S. NESTOR left Singapore on 28th inst., and is due here on 1st January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARDANUS	5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANOTSE	12th January.
LIVERPOOL, with TRANSHIPMENT	YANGTZE	19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	2nd February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEMUN	16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYRE	1st March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and	TYDUS	30th December.
all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via	PIGOSKEY	24th January.
NKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA		

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	KAIPOGO	30th December.
MANILA	CHINOTU	30th December.
PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHINOTU	30th December.
SHANGHAI	KANRU	1st January.
LOILO	WUCHANG	2nd January.
KORE	TAIYUAN	4th January.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unfurnished Table.

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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
KIAUTSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.
HOON	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship

KIAUTSCHOU, of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain BERNHARD, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above,

calling at NAGASAKI and OGDON.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 4th January. Cargo

and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th January,

and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 5th

January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than

\$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

SHANGHAI, MOBI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	To Sail.
VICTORIA	3502	J. Truebridge	December 30.
LYRA	4417	J. V. William	January 22.
OLYMPIA	2937	A. Dixon	February 11.
SHAWWAT	3008	W. M. Smith	February 19.
TACOMA	2912	M. Ridley	February 26.
VICTORIA	3502	J. Truebridge	March 16.

* Have no second class accommodation. † Cargo only.

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The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. SHAWWAT 5006 tons | Capt. W. M. Smith | About 28th January.

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The Twin-screw s.s. Shawwatt and Tremont have just been fitted with superior

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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, December 21, 1903.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

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FOR

SHANGHAI

LONDON, &

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LONDON & ANTWERP, via

Suez, Pango, OGDON, PORT

SAID & MARSEILLES.

* Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers

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Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrange-

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CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Koley		

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Hongkong, December 26, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

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COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR

ANPING, VIA SWATOW

AND AMOY.

TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW

AND AMOY.

MAIDZURU MARU, SUNDAY, 3rd

T. SAITO, January, 1904.

DAIGI MARU, TUESDAY, 5th

T. W. GUNDS, January, 1904.

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Hongkong, December 26, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

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REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS.	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TOJIPANAS	JAVA PORTS	January 5	SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.	January 9
TOJLATJAP	VIA MACASSAR.	First half of February.	Do.	First half of February.
TOJIMARI	KORE AND YOKOHAMA.	First half of January.	SINGAPORE, JAYA PORTS AND MACASSAR.	First half of January.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accom-

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in Netherlands, India on through B/L.

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Hongkong, December 29, 1903.

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REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG

AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

ROSETTA MARU, 3880 Tons,

Captain H. S. SHYMA, will be despatched

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December, at 11 a.m.

To be followed by the ROHILLA MARU

on the 2nd January.

